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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID AT DAHAR EL-BURJ

1. PLO OBSERVER TERZI DELIVERED LETTER TO SYG WALDHEIM
AT NOON JUNE 9 PROTESTING ISRAELI ATTACK ON DAHAR
EL-BURJ. UN SECRETARIAT CHARACTERIZED THE LETTER AS PRO
FORMA, DESCRIBING AND CASTIGATING THE RAID, BUT NOT
CALLING FOR ACTION. SYG WALDHEIM'S OFFICE ISSUED PRESS
STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS ON THE RAID:
"THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DEEPLY REGRETS THIS NEW INCIDENT
OF VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN ALL CONCERNED ARE
ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 425 (1978) OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO SOUTHERN LEBANON."
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2. KUWAITI PERMREP BISHARA TOLD US IN THE DELEGATE'S
LOUNGE MID-AFTERNOON, THAT HE HAD ADVISED HIS "GOOD
FRIEND" ARAFAT (THROUGH TERZI) THAT WHILE THE RAID
REPRESENTED ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION IT DID
NOT CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR REQUESTING A SECURITY
COUNCIL DEBATE. BISHARA SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT THERE

WOULD BE NO CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION. BISHARA NOTED ABSENCE OF US STATEMENT DEPLORING RAID AND COMMENTED THAT US AND WEST WERE SELECTIVE IN CONDEMNING ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION THAT VIOLATED SOVEREIGNTY OF UN MEMBER STATE.

3. REACTION ELSEWHERE AT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN MUTED OR IN SOME CASES UNINFORMED. BY LATE MORNING NEITHER THE SYRIAN NOR EGYPTIAN REPS AT SSOD PLENARY WERE AWARE OF THE RAID. UN SECRETARIAT (JONAH) DESCRIBED RAID AS A "SURGICAL OPERATION" THAT DID NOT PRESENT IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS FOR UNIFIL. HE RECALLED THAT FM DAYAN ADVOCATED RAIDS OF THIS NATURE AND SAID HE ASSUMED ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE ON THE PURPOSES OF THIS BASE WERE ACCURATE. YOUNG

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